

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WILLIAM KITCHEN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NEW YORK HOUSING AUTHORITY;  
WELLS FARGO BANK; NEW YORK CITY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT; FORMER MAYOR  
BILL DE BLASIO,

Defendants.

23-CV-2759 (LTS)

ORDER DIRECTING ORIGINAL  
SIGNATURE

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge:

Plaintiff brings this action *pro se*. Plaintiff submitted the complaint without a signature. Rule 11(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that “[e]very pleading, written motion, and other paper must be signed by at least one attorney of record in the attorney’s name – or by a party personally if the party is unrepresented.” *See also* Local Civil Rule 11.1(a). The Supreme Court has interpreted Rule 11(a) to require “as it did in John Hancock’s day, a name handwritten (or a mark handplaced).” *Becker v. Montgomery*, 532 U.S. 757, 764 (2001). Pursuant to the April 1, 2020, Addendum to Electronic Case Filing Rules & Instructions regarding Temporary Acceptance of Pro Se Filings by Email, a *pro se* party who files a document by email must sign the document by either: “(a) signing by hand and then scanning the document; (b) signing electronically using a digital signature; or (c) by typing: /s/Filer’s Name.” Plaintiff did not sign the complaint using any of these methods.

Plaintiff is directed to resubmit the signature page of the complaint with an original signature to the Court within 30 days of the date of this order. A copy of the signature page is attached to this order.

No summons shall issue at this time. If Plaintiff complies with this order, the case shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of the Clerk's Office. If Plaintiff fails to comply with this order within the time allowed, the action will be dismissed.

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962) (holding that appellant demonstrates good faith when seeking review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 5, 2023  
New York, New York

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
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LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
Chief United States District Judge